



**THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair
Councilmember Chris Cate, Vice Chair
Councilmember Todd Gloria
Councilmember Marti Emerald**

**ACTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015, AT 2:00 P.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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Committee members present: Alvarez, Gloria, Cate, and Emerald

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Committee Record of Actions of the following meetings were approved by unanimous consent:

July 15, 2015

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Martha Welch addressed the Committee on the topic of sewage at the San Diego-Tijuana border.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MAYOR, INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST, CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT: Chair Alvarez thanked the Public Utilities Department staff for working with his staff to address customer service improvements and mentioned his August 4

memorandum calling for further efforts to reduce costs for residents who are conserving water.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM-1: Review report from the Public Utilities Department requesting Council authorization for a REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR WATER CIP EXPENDITURES

Motion by Councilmember Cate to recommend Council adopt the resolution. Second by Council President Pro Tem Emerald.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Alvarez, Gloria, Cate, Emerald

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: None

ITEM-2: Review report from the Planning Department requesting Council approval of the FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE VERNAL POOL HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AND APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE/EXPENDITURE OF A U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE GRANT

Motion by Councilmember Cate to recommend Council adopt the resolution. Second by Council President Pro Tem Emerald.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Alvarez, Gloria, Cate, Emerald

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: None

ITEM-3: Review report from the Public Utilities Department requesting Council approval to EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH BRAZOS URETHANE, INC. FOR THE POINT LOMA DIGESTER ROOF SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS (K-14-5976-DBB-3-A)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to recommend Council adopt the resolution. Second by Council President Pro Tem Emerald.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Alvarez, Gloria, Cate, Emerald

Nay: None
Recused: None
Not Present: None

INFORMATION AGENDA:

ITEM-4: Review report from the Public Utilities Department regarding a WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT UPDATE

This is an informational item only, no action required by the Committee.

ITEM-5: Review report from the Public Utilities Department regarding the PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS OPTIMIZATION PROJECT

This is an informational item only, no action required by the Committee.

ITEM-6: Review report from City Representatives to the San Diego County Water Authority's Board of Directors regarding an IMPORTED WATER UPDATE

This is an informational item only, no action required by the Committee.

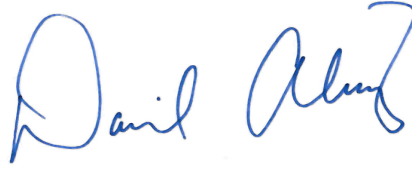
DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ITEM-7: Review report from Public Utilities Department requesting Council approval of the POTABLE, FIRE AND RECYCLED WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS, COST OF SERVICE STUDY, AND PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE AND HEARING

Motion by Council President Pro Tem Emerald to forward the resolutions to the City Council without a recommendation, and to request responses to Committee member questions below, along with additional analysis of the concerns of the Committee members, including potential adjustments of the proposed rate structure. Second by Councilmember Gloria.

- 1.What specific efforts has the City undertaken with the state to allow rate flexibility for customers who have answered the state's call to conserve?
- 2.What is the percent of water use per tier versus the percentage of customers in each tier (i.e. 20% of customers are in Tier 1, but use 15% of water)
- 3.Please provide the specific language of the indemnity clause in the Black & Veatch cost of service study
- 4.Breakdown of Table 3 on page 14 to demonstrate usage over the past two rate cases
5. An actuarial analysis of the cost of the CIP for the past rate case
- 6.Currently proposed CIP costs and timelines
- 7.Past two rates cases for the Operation and Maintenance expenses on page 16, Table 6.
- 8.What is the value of the MWD-CWA credits received by the City for the smaller recycled water customers?

Passed by the following vote:
Yea: Alvarez, Gloria, Cate, Emerald
Nay: None
Recused: None
Not Present: None

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Alvarez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and the last name "Alvarez" clearly distinguishable.

David Alvarez
Chair